## Troopers Investigating Two Shooting Incidents Leaving Two Injured- New Castle County

**New Castle, DE**— Delaware State Police are investigating two shooting incidents that occurred Friday night in New Castle County that left two injured.

On July 30, 2021, at approximately 9:10 p.m., a 44-year-old male from Newark, DE, was operating his 2015 Harley-Davidson motorcycle southbound on Route 1 in the far-right lane, anticipating exiting onto Pulaski Highway. As he was driving, a black Kia-style sedan with tinted windows pulled next to him, and both passenger side windows rolled down. Two male suspects then began shooting multiple rounds at the victim from the vehicle before it exited Route 1 onto Pulaski Highway. The victim came to a controlled stop on the west shoulder of Route 1 southbound, just north of Pulaski Highway.

EMS transported him to a nearby hospital, where he was treated for multiple gunshot wounds that are non-life-threatening. The suspects are described as males. They were sitting in the passenger front and rear seat of a black Kia-style sedan with tinted windows.

Prior to the shooting, the victim attended bike night at Crab Du Jour, located at 1000 Churchmans Road, Newark.

Approximately 45 minutes later, a report of a second shooting came in at Crab Du Jour. The 31-year-old male victim from Middletown was attending bike night at the establishment. As he was sitting on a bar chair in the south parking lot of the restaurant, numerous motorcycles drove eastbound on Churchmans Road, passing Crab Du Jour. As the motorcycles went by, an

unknown number of suspects fired approximately 30 rounds toward the restaurant and parking lot area. The victim was struck once and sustained a minor injury. EMS transported him to an area hospital for treatment.

An unoccupied vehicle parked in the area of the Crab Du Jour and an occupied vehicle traveling westbound on Churchmans Road were struck by projectiles during the shooting. No one was injured when the vehicles were hit.

There is no suspect description or surveillance footage available.

These incidents are being investigated by Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit. Anyone who may have witnessed either shooting or has information regarding the cases should contact Detective David Patterson by calling 302-365-8471. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <a href="http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com">http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com</a>.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at Debra.Reed@delaware.gov.

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